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CROSSFIELD ALBERTA, THURSDAY, APRIL 16th, 1914.

PRICE \$1 A YEAR.

LAUT BROS.

This Store Is Headquarters

For All that Is New and Useful.

We keep abreast of the times. When you see anything new in our line advertised come to our store and you find it here.

We test and try out the new things before we offer them for sale. They must have genuine merit and be all the makers claim before we recommend them.

And back of the maker's Guarantee is our Guarantee. We make good every promise.



We have seldom sold anything that gives more satisfaction than the O-Cedar Polish Mop. Every woman who has ever used one is enthusiastic in her praise. And no wonder, for it saves hard work, time and money.

For example, the work of dusting, cleaning and polishing floors is easy, simple and quick with the O-Cedar Polish Mop. This mop is treated with the famous O-Cedar Polish and it collects all the dust and dirt from the floor, and at the same time gives it a hard, lasting polish. No hard rubbing, no stooping or bending over the back once.

And with the same mop you can dust everywhere. All the hard-to-get-at places, the tops of doors, the molding, the stairs and banisters. Under the bed and stoves, in fact every place.

Guaranteed Satisfaction or Money Refunded.

The O-Cedar Polish Mop, Urquhart sells for \$1.00 and with this distinct understanding, that you can try it for two days and at the end of that time, if you are not perfectly satisfied with it your money will be instantly refunded. We invite you to try one.

Laut Brothers, HARDWARE & GROCERIES.

FARMERS MEAT MARKET.

J. L. GUNSOLLY, Proprietor.

W. TIMS, Manager.

Best prices paid for all kinds of Live Stock. We also handle Butter and Eggs. Try our Noted Home made Sausage and Kettle rendered Lard.

FRESH & CURED MEAT & FISH always on hand.

Our Motto: Quality and Prices right.

Crossfield,

Alta.

Atlas Lumber Co., Ltd.

Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Roofing Paper, Building Paper, Brick, Lime, Plaster Cement, Sash and Doors, Moulding, Oak Dimension

WOOD and COAL ALWAYS ON HAND.

Let us give you estimates

J. S. JOSE, LOCAL
MANAGER.

Local and General

Subject for sermon on Sunday evening next, "The Call of Spring."

We are asked to announce that Mrs. R. L. Boyle will be "At Home" on Thursday, April 23rd, from 3 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

R. H. Hunter, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Lethbridge, and late of the staff in Crossfield, visited local friends over Easter week end. He left on Monday evening to spend the remainder of his holiday with his parents at Toronto.

C. J. Urquhart was a visitor to Crossfield on Easter Monday.

M. Wm. Urquhart received a win on Tuesday last, to the effect that his grandmother, Mrs. Norman MacDonald, of Vancouver, had passed away at the ripe age of 96 years.

Mr. S. Willis left to-day Thursday, for Calgary, for a few days prior to his departure to the Old Country on April 19th. Mr. Willis has the best wishes of the community at large.

Dr. H. Jackson Dentist of Crossfield will visit Crossfield and be at the Alberta Hotel every Wednesday. All modern methods in dentistry used. Satisfaction guaranteed.

W. Stuart of the Stuart Lumber Co. having disposed of the business here, would esteem its great favor if outstanding debts were paid at once.

W. STUART.

It is interesting to know that we have some good fat stock around the district. Mr. F. Colliet secured quite a bunch of the prizes at the Edmonton Fat Stock Show, April 7 to 11, carrying away 1 Championship, four 1st prizes, and 2nd and 3rd. Showing only 6 head of stock.

At the Calgary Horse Show we notice J. H. O'Neill's name amongst the prize winners: Hereford Bull, 3 years and over, 5th, Darby. Herefords, yearlings and under 18 months 3rd, Big Enough. Aberdeen Angus Bull, under 2 years, 4th, Black Boy. Showing only 6 head of stock.

DENTAL NOTICE.—Dr. Lackner has heard the rumour several times that Dr. Jackson was his assistant I wish to inform the Public that he never was my assistant and never will be, he had my Didsbury Office rented for five months. Dr. Lackner will attend to his Crossfield practice after two weeks as usual.

Yours sincerely,

F. E. LACKNER.

Geo. C. Carlisle, of the Circle N Ranch, has returned from an extended trip East. Mr. Carlisle spent most of the winter at his home St. Catherines, Ont., but visited Buffalo, New York, Montreal, Toronto, and other Eastern cities. Returning via Chicago, St. Paul, Winona, and G.T. Pacific to Edmonton. Mr. Carlisle reports the C.T.P.R. as an excellent road, fine equipment and high class road bed.

As the McCormick and International lines that I have handled here for the past four years have been transferred to Mr. D. Ontkes, it is necessary that I close all my open accounts and get settlement for same in Crossfield as soon as possible. Thanking you for your past favors and trusting you may see fit to give the same or greater support to my successor and believing you will receive better service than I was able to give you.

I am, yours truly,

A. W. GORDON.

If you require to renew your old Loan or take out a new one, call and see me, as I can save you money. I represent the N. of Scotland Can. Mortgage Co., The Canada Life, and others.

Chas. Hultgren.

Washing Machines

NOW that Extra Large Washings will be the order of the day for some months to come why not buy a machine when they are here in a varied selection of Styles and Prices, but we recommend above all others.

THE Motor High Speed

A Machine in which every detail of Washing Machine Construction has been considered, it will operate Full of Clothes as Easily As Others Do Empty.

TRY THIS ONE FOUR WEEKS,

and if it does not please you in every way bring it back without incurring any obligation to buy a machine from us.

Price \$15.00

W. McCrory & Sons,

HARDWARE SPECIALISTS AND HEATING EXPERTS.

Machinery and Repairs.

Deering & McCormick Lines

At W. Stuart Lumber Yard Stand.

Dealers in Live Stock

D. ONTKES and

PHONE No. 11.

A. R. THOMAS.

Pedigreed Seed Grain

FOR SALE.

6000 Bushels, GARTON'S No. 22 OATS

2000 Bushels, 1 No. 68 BARLEY,

THE BEST FOR THE WEST.

APPLY TO H. SCHOLEFIELD,

Crossfield. Sec. 36-28-28- West of 4.

Council Meetings

The council of the Village of Crossfield will meet in the Council Chamber over Fire Hall on the first Monday of each month, commencing with February at the hour of 8 o'clock p.m.

By Order of the Village Council
5-52-4 W. McRoy, Sec.-Treas.

Lodge Cards**CROSSFIELD LODGE I. O. O. F.**

No. 42

Meets Every Wednesday Night in the Oldfields Hall at 8 p.m.

Visiting Brethren Welcome.

A. R. THOMAS, ARCHIE KNOX,

Fin. Sec'y. Rec. Sec'y.

Crossfield School District No. 752

The Regular Meeting of the above School Board will be held at the School House at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday in the following months: January, March May, July, September and November.

All members of the Board pertaining to the districts will be attended to at this meeting.

The office of the Sec'y-Treas. is in the Hardware Store next door to the Chronicle

A. R. Thomas, Chairman.

E. S. McRoy, Sec'y-Treas.

Professional Cards

Phones : Law Offices M 2350

Residence M 2347

C. WINFIELD MATHESON, B.A.

(DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY)

BARRISTER, SOLICITOR,

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Collections Attended to in All the Courts.

Suite 107, P. BURNS BUILDING,
8TH AVENUE E. & 2ND STREET,
CALGARY, Alberta.

For Sale

Several Good young Work Teams for sale. Apply to G.E. HUSER, Crossfield or phone 414, circuit 4-344.

FOR SALE—One A-1 DAIRY COW, five years old. Fresh in May. 17 PIGS, four months old.

TEAM Young WORK HORSES, broken, rising three years.

One Mowing Gang PLOW; in good condition.

Apply at Chronicle Office.

FOR SALE—PIANO, in Good condition. For further particulars, terms, etc., Apply to E. S. MCROY.

For Sale---HOUSEHOLD GOODS, consisting of all kinds of Furniture and KITCHEN UTENSILS, &c. Apply to T. J. ELLIOTT.**Farm for Rent.**

TO LET.—Quarter Section of LAND, to let either for rent or to Crop on Shares. For particulars apply at the Chronicle Office.

40 Acres, sec. 4, T. 29, R. 27 w. 4th. About 12 miles east of Crossfield. About 400 acres broken, 90 acres ready to seed. Good House, Barn, Granaries, Hig. Home, etc., on property.

For particulars apply to

MERRICK THOMAS.

Crossfield.

Seed, &c., For Sale.

Timothy Seed**For Sale,**

Apply WM. STAUFFER,

5½ miles west of Crossfield.

Timothy Seed For Sale,

7 cents per lb.

Apply I. W. FIKE,

West of Crossfield.

Orders placed at once will be appreciated.

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Choice Seed Oats and Barley FOR SALE.

Oats 35c per bus.
Barley 40c "

Terms C.O.D.

Geo. Huser, Crossfield.

Phone 414

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CROSSFIELD LOCAL & GENERAL.

J. Stauffer, M.P.P., of Alberta, accompanied by J. Stocks, Deputy Minister of Public Works, visited town for a short time on Wednesday.

Amongst the visitors to the Calgary Horse Show were Mr. and Mrs. E. S. McRoy, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Huser, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Onel, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brandon, Mr. W. Urquhart. About 50 people all told going from Crossfield.

Having sold the Butcher Shop I would be obliged to all those who owe accounts, if they would settle the same by the First of May.

J. GUNSONLY.

Now is the time to go in for a general clean up. How would it be to have a "Clean up day." If old cans and other refuse is left lying around we shall shortly have to suffer for it if the winter's accumulation gets cleared away before the pest commences to breed will it be a benefit to all. Not only are the old cans and other rubbish a breeding ground for flies but is a menace to the public health in other ways. Let everybody do their little bit.

See the FiReCo Stove attachment at W. McRoy and Sons.

The Women's Institute will hold a special meeting in the I.O.O.F. Hall, on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at 2:30 p.m. Miss Steven and Miss McIsaac will be present to speak on topics of interest to members. Those who attended the Domestic Science classes in February, 1913, will remember Miss Steven well. We hope hereafter we will look forward to seeing her again. All members should make a special effort to attend and bring their friends.

KYANIZE your home and make it beautiful. Get it at McRoy's.

BIRTH.—To Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bray on the 14th inst., a son.

W. McRoy and Sons will be here to help you.

Many thanks to all who have

been so kind to us.

W. McRoy and Sons.

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SAMMIS' ADVICE.

The Elevator Boy Rises to Give a Few "Don'ts."

HIS SHATTERED ILLUSIONS.

These He Recounts in Touching Fashion, Revealing the Cause of His Antipathy to Brokers Eager to Hand Out Tips on the Market.

By M. QUAD.
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ALTHOUGH I retired from the profession of elevating an elevator many years ago and have been living in luxury ever since, I still take a deep interest in the welfare of the lad who starts out to seek fame and fortune by conducting a cage.

Of course there are failures in this profession as in all others, but Mr. Bradstreet is happy to inform me that this is the lowest of the low. That means that the great majority of boys who take hold are determined to reach the top.

The first time I was employed to take charge of the elevator of an of-



"HE GAVE ME THE BOOB."

fice building I made the mistake of thinking I was the whole show.

The agent of the building was Mr. Renton. I left the Mr. off when I addressed him.

I addressed the engineer as "old man."

I poked a solemn old banker in the ribs and asked about his holliehocks.

We had a professor of natural history on the sixth floor, and I called him "professor."

My idea was to let everybody know that I was the man to have them because I was earning \$4 per week.

Fatal Advice.

There was no one to tell me that I was making a fool of myself, and I went on for about ten days. Then I called at the residence of the owner one night and advised him as a business move to have a summer garden on the roof of our building.

I can't say what he thought of it. He gave me no clue, but he gave me the boot, and I never called at the office for the 65 cents salary due me.

Don't you know your car will fly if that you own a pair of glasses?

That you or your wife have come to teach the agent, the engineer or the janitor how to run a slide show.

Don't you ever climb between floors to ask the man with a gun whether he was disabled by a kick from a jackass or fell off the roof of a cedar mill.

What got my next place was wise enough to cut out the things but not enough. We had several brothers in our building, and I set out to make them my friends. If I could think of that would tip me off on many a good thing.

I asked after the health of their wives and children.

I asked if they preferred bulldogs to collies.

I wrote to my cousin for news of the corn crop that I might post the "street."

I ventured several financial opinions that were apparently well received. It took a long time, though those broke out in a few words, and then but I persisted, and in length the day came. I was taking Mr. Skinner up alone. I suppose I looked at him as appealing as a calf for its milk, for he put his mouth down to my ear and whispered:

"Be Rock Island, my son!"

That was enough. I borrowed all the cash I could from the other boys, sold my revolver, skates and bike, had mother draw her savings and bought Rock Island on the margin.

It was over. She was wiped out.

He was mother.

He was the boy.

It was a week later before I met Mr. Skinner again. He poked me in the ribs, winked and said:

"Is that gigantic mortgage lifted? Still?"

"I've spalked down anew, sir," I replied.

"Why, how's that?"

"Rock Island! Why, you young fool, I told you to buy your self! It has gone up 5 cents a bag, and you ought to be \$1,000 to the good!"

I have never trusted a broker since.

Etiquette and Diplomacy.

Another mistake I made was a misunderstanding of the rules of etiquette. I thought it was required of me to call on every tenant and welcome him and make him feel at home.

There is no etiquette around a sky-

The nearest approach to it is a demand that when an elevator boy busts his way into a room on the fifth floor to tell the occupant that there is a small fire in the basement and finds no one playing cards, he should immediately withdraw with the remark:

"Please excuse me. I did not know that you were writing your last will and testaments!"

The elevator boy who should be a good listener, telling about that poker game and that one of the hands he caught sight of was a straight flush would lose his job that very night.

Every elevator boy is sooner or later destined to become a criminal. Beware of them. I got one after I had served about six months. It was to fence off a half of each elevator and rent the spaces to umbrella menders and shoeshoing men. Thus they would be able to get away with their work.

"Go down to Wall street! You'll never get away with that!"

And one thing more. Never, under any circumstances, if a woman comes to your cage and wants to know if Smith, Jones or Brown has an office there, do you answer "Yes." Your answer should be:

"I will see madam; I will see."

And then you must slip up and notify the party that he is being asked for by a woman, and describe her and leave it to him whether to make a save or not.

I addressed my job by letting a woman ascend to an office unannounced, and her husband lost most of his hair and whiskers at the same time.

SAMMIS,
The Elevator Boy.

FREAKS OF THE TIDE.

The Cauldron of the Spotted Seas and the Amazon River Bars.

To the ordinary lay mind the tides along the coast are most puzzling. He knows that the moon pulls the tides and twice in twenty-four hours and that this depends in some mysterious way upon the moon. But if in his travels he sees a spot along the shore where there is no tide, he is at a loss to account for it.

To be exact, there is only one ocean in the world where the tides follow the moon with regularity, and this is the great Antarctic basin. And the reason is that there is no land.

Nowhere is it found that is entirely uninhabited by land. The enormous waves caused by the moon's attraction course round the world south of Cape Horn and the Cape of Good Hope, and sweep the waters of the oceans in a tidal wave.

When the ocean is found to be calm, the depth of the water is such that the tide cannot travel more than a few miles an hour, and the force of a heavy tidal current rushing to the wide mouth of the river forces what is called a "tide race" or whirlpool.

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The Result of a Practical
Joke

By CLARISSA MACKIE

Jefferson Dean was fond of practical jokes. On the Fourth of July he exploded one under the nose of his friend's old lady, and April I gave to trusting juveniles packages of coca-lated filled with red pepper. At any season of the year he had been known to shower confetti and rice upon street-cornered veterans and confirmed old bachelors, to their mutual exasperation and the delight of their friends.

Naturally, the 1st of April was Jefferson's Dean's especial holiday. For days beforehand his brain was busy concocting a scheme to amuse his friends, and it was generally noticed that when that day arrived his acquaintances gave him a wide berth and were averse at home if he happened to drop in. He was also liable upon false telegrams and the sending of express packages which proved to be hollow mockeries of crumpled news-papers and sawdust.

But the 1st of April, 1911, Jefferson Dean had lost his taste to celebrate the 1st of April in the manner beloved by this feather-brained young man. An attack of measles had confined him to bed.

The gloomy Fourth was celebrated in its usual manner, but that last of April still rankled in the mind of Jefferson Dean.

Perhaps the fact that Mr. Dean was in love with pretty Alice Chase had something to do with his unsettled mood. His desire of being able to do with his love after and his discontent meant to result in the utter routing of his hated rival, Sam Freeman, a grave-eyed young lawyer.

If he waited until the next All Fool's day many months would have elapsed, and it would be too late to joke on Sam Freeman to be wasted. What best year would be too late for Jefferson Dean rather expected to be married to Alice by that time.

So at last he decided to perpetrate the joke quite regardless of the season, and he carefully laid his plans and

to pierce the veil of mystery. "Sure thing. Going to put up a job on your self this time? Good joke. What?" "Not on your life, Bobby! How's that? Sam's all gone on Alice and she's—well, spoken for by me. It's all over the place. Yes, sir, there isn't another soul in the land who can give you much encouragement." He's a diligent beggar, and if he should get a little note from Alice saying that she had received his proposal of marriage and her answer was 'Yes,' why, he'd go wild between joy and surprise."

"Gosh! What's the joke come up?" inquired Bob soberly.

"Why, don't you see, it's on when he calls on Alice and finds that he's been duped?"

"But, Miss Chase—would she lend herself to anything like that?" asked Bob doubtfully.

Jefferson Dean laughed loudly.

"She won't know anything about it until posterity springs their engagement to her. It will be rather a joke on her, too. Of course I shall write the note," he added.

"I didn't suppose Alice Chase would appreciate that kind of joke," commented Bob Waters, a little coldly.

"My boy, and has a keen sense of humor, too. You're a good boy, but what kind of woman. Why, I've even known her to laugh at your jokes, old man," he ended wickedly.

But Bob Waters did not hide his disapproval of the cruel joke. "I say, Jeff! It's a mean trick, Freeman. You've got to apologize as they say."

"He's a mighty fine fellow, and he's hard hit in that direction. As you're the lucky one, you ought to spare him."

But Jefferson Dean was in high good humor with himself. He clapped his friend on the shoulder and laughed loudly.

"Now, don't get preachy, old man," he remonstrated. "It's only a joke, and five years from now Freeman will be laughing at it himself."

"It's a mighty long time to wait when you're trying to appreciate a joke like that on yourself. He'll be gone about it."

"It's only a joke. Look out you don't get caught yourself," laughed Jefferson Dean on his way alone.

Sam Freeman found the dainty little note on his desk.

He had recognised the handwriting at once, and his wildly throbbing heart had hastened his desire to interest in lovely Alice Chase. But Jefferson Dean, that light-hearted cavalier, had dropped the note on the floor. At least he was always in the field ahead of Sam, and now an engagement was openly rumored.

In the face of these facts the contents of that little note were astounding. Sam was shocked. He pored over the few words with white, stunned face and bright eyes.

What did it mean?

Alice Chase was saying that she loved him and would marry him and she hoped he would come tonight and the note could be bona fide and his proposal was so unexpected, but she was so happy.

He had not even asked her to marry him, though he had longed to do so. He had no idea what she would mean. Surely surely he had not conjectured enough to believe that Alice had thrown the handkerchief in his direction. She was not that sort. Anyway he would call upon her that evening. Again he read the little note. It was for Alice. It began "Dear Mr. Freeman" and ended "Yours ever, Alice Chase."

He was of a dozen minds whether to send her flowers or not, but his longing to do so prevailed and he sent a bunch of American roses.

That night Jefferson Dean approached the Chase mansion at an early hour. Alice received him with her accustomed sweet cordiality, and noted that she was looking especially beautiful in her new dress, which had been photographed—a particularly unfatuated mother not long since can up a bill for \$250 for photographs of a child of eleven months.

They were not his offering, and Mr. Dean felt a thrill of excitement as he wondered whether Sam Freeman had taken advantage of the note and sent her flowers.

But there was little time for such reflections. The unsuccessful working of his joke absorbed his attention, for presently Sam Freeman was announced.

"Now for the fun," chuckled Jeff inwardly as he shrewdly made his way to the door, that young man's tense, eager face as he beat over Alice's head.

The fun came thick and fast, but somehow it was not amusing to Jefferson Dean.

While that young man's attention was diverted by Alice's mother the girl had a few words alone with Freeman at the other end of the room.

When Mrs. Chase had gone Alice turned and came down the room with her. Sam was holding a large envelope with a seal of proprietorship.

Jefferson Dean saw and gasped inwardly. Outwardly his face was quite colorless, and he cursed his own folly. "Jefferson," said Alice sweetly, "you're engaged to be married." She sat down and took the bottom one of the roses on her breast.

"Married!" echoed Jefferson, with a

horror look. "Is it a joke?"

"No, indeed!" cried Alice, the happy pair in union. "It's true." And they turned and looked into each other's eyes and entirely forgot poor Jefferson Dean, who gaily slipped out of the house.

He met Bob Waters, and the young man hopped around one side of the discussion. Perhaps Rob was conscience-stricken, for he had conversed with Alice Chase over the telephone that morning, and he had told her a few things. "Well, what's the joke? If Jefferson Dean and Alice were declared it was the most sensible thing that had ever done in his life."

After a long and moody silence Jefferson Dean looked up on the seat of contemplation of his dead cigar and addressed his friend.

"Tell me, Bob, what's the joke? Those south sea islanders use you throw it and it comes back and hits you on the head—what?"

"A boomerang!" asked Bob in a steady voice.

"A boomerang!" Ah, yes; thank you, murmured Jefferson Dean, and he turned to the obsequies he was holding over his defunct sense of humor.

Harvesting at Christmas.

The ingathering of the harvest is unique in England during the summer. But there is a harvest in England which custom decrees shall always begin on December 21st, St. Thomas' Day, and which continues well over Christmas.

This is the reaping of the rye which grows so rankly, yet so prettily, in the shallow, land-scarred wastes of the Norfolk and Suffolk broads."

The broadsmen say that they are not fit for cutting until the first of January. Then the scythe turns ripe yellow, and the leaves fall away.

A peculiar-patterned scythe is used, very short-bladed and very sharp, so that the scythes of the roots as the muddy bottom will admit. The reaped rye are then laid out in straight sheaves to dry, and the sheaves are preferred, as they are more durable than those in East Anglia for thatching ricks and cottages, and for filling horse-collars.

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The Game Act.

According to the Game Act all residents of the Province residing south of the 55th parallel who are not farmers residing on their farms require a license before hunting or shooting any game bird. This includes wild geese. Although the open season for ducks and swans is now a little later in the year, being the 1st of September where formerly it was the 23rd of August and extending until the 31st December, the shooting of wild geese is permitted at any season of the year excepting Sundays and between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise. The flesh of this bird must not be trafficked in without first obtaining the license provided for by section 16 of the Act. The Resident's Bird Game License which in previous years cost the sportsman \$1.25 is now \$2.25.

As a great many of the residents of the province are interesting themselves in fox farming we would warn them that there is now a close season on foxes extending from April 1st to November 1st in each year. During this time no person may hunt, trap, or shoot foxes, or wound, injure or kill foxes without first obtaining a special permit to do so. Section 27 of the Act gives particulars with respect to such permits. It is also illegal for any person to export beyond the boundaries of the Province of Alberta any live foxes without first obtaining a permit, which in the case of animals reared on fur farms will cost \$15.00. There are a number of other conditions which are specified in the regulations, any one interested may get free copies from the Chief Game Guardian's Office, Edmonton.

ABERNETHY.

Quite a number of the young people of this district attended the wedding dance at Beaver Dam last Friday and report a good time.

The bachelors up there are hitching up in double harness quite rapidly and by all appearances more are likely to follow their good example.

The members of the Book Club held their monthly meeting last Thursday week, in the school, and decided to give a Night-cap Social on the evening of Friday, this week.

We are pleased to hear Jack Harrington is expected home from the Holy Cross Hospital this week.

I. Southwood has moved the McDowell house down to the Ranch and is fixing it for the men's residence.

We notice one of our popular bachelors from across the Coule driving round here quite frequently of late. We all know the attraction.

What a big D.—“Jack,” said the new servant, “whatever does that big D stand for?” Jack looked at the big D on the dust-bin, and replied: “Damsel, the D displayed on the dust-bin denotes that the despairing domestic of this detached domicile desire that the deserving damsels, during their daily diversions will deem it their delightful duty to dislodge deliberately and deftly the dirt and dust deposited in that disagreeable dust-bin.”

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